

Junior Class Hosts a Successful Battle of the Sexes

By Sabrina Butts, Staff Writer

In the Courtney Auditorium was the epic battle of Mars versus Venus on Wednesday, February 13. The Junior Class hosted a "Battle of the Sexes" competition to see really how much each gender knew about the other.

Junior class President and Business and Chemistry major Maggie Hobbs, Vice President

and Psychology major Ashley Shell, and Secretary, Biology Chemistry major Hillary Briggs ran the game. The game divided the group by gender, with the girls answering questions about guys and the guys answering questions about girls. Each person was allowed one "lifeline" to use at any point during the three rounds to change their question from one of the opposite gender to one of their own. Each

round had five questions and after three missed questions, the contestant was removed from the game.

The reward for the winners of the epic battle was a \$20 gift certificate to Fountain Stone Theaters. One was awarded to the men and one to the women. The winner for the men's side was junior Computer Science major Jason Keller and the winner for the women's side was senior

Political Science major Lisa Setinz.

Questions for each side progressively got more difficult each round. An example of one of the men's questions that came up in the second round was, "What is the name of a piece of jewelry that goes on an ankle?" An example of a question asked of the women, "What famous actor was known as The Duke?"

which was asked in the second round as well.

The game was a success and a lot of fun for all the participants. "We wanted to do this for a while because it's a fun game that we wanted to play with everybody," said Shell. "It was kind of the perfect time since it was right before Valentine's Day."

Hypnotist Entertains and Amazes SJC Students

By Michael Garrity, Staff Writer

Last Sunday, February 17, was an Admission's Discover Day, and as a special treat for all of the College's accepted students staying overnight, the Student Union Board (SUB) brought in comedy hypnotist Fredrick Winters.

Winters, who performed at the College in 2005, has hypnotized over 135,000 people and is the 2006 Campus Entertainer of the Year. He brought his unique brand of comedic hypnotism to SJC and the Halleck Student Center Ballroom.

The night started off with a SUB-sponsored raffle for the "Best Seat in the House." This holy grail of seating was a blue loveseat directly in the middle of the front row for the lucky winner and a friend of their choice. The winner was junior Elementary Education major Meg Zapfe, who enjoyed the show from the best possible spot.

Winters' show brought in a large number of students and accepted students. His own mom even made her way to Rensselaer

to watch. The reaction to the performance was outstanding.

"I thought it was wonderful," said freshman Political Science major and SUB Vice President Jordan Leising, "and a great way to get prospective students a chance to be excited to come to Saint Joseph's College."

The show, which lasted around an hour and forty-five minutes, consisted of the participants smelling one another, believing their shoe was ringing, acting like dogs at an international dog show, and in one case even disrobing before the audience. The finale came when Winters convinced the participants that the audience was naked, and then made them think themselves to be naked also. Needless to say, hilarity ensued.

"My favorite part of the show was when the participants were reacting to the movie clips they were seeing," sophomore History major Bailey Snider said. "Their reactions to the scary movie were priceless, especially the kids pulling their sweatshirts over their heads."

After the performance, Winters sold hypnosis CDs of a variety of topics that ranged from

increasing your study habits to quitting smoking.

If people did not get the chance to purchase any at the event and are still interested, or just want more information on Frederick Winters, one can visit his website at www.frederickwinters.com.

The hypnotist himself greatly enjoyed the night.

"I love college campuses. This is why I love them," Winters said. "The audience was amazing, and the participants were even better."

"I think it's great that [SUB] did this with prospective students, it'll really give them something to look forward to before they come to the College."



During on of the acts, Winters convinced all of the men that their shirts were inside-out when he said the word "pizza" (above) while in another bit, when Winters said "good snell," all of the contestants got a whiff of the best smell they've ever smelled and they believed it came from the person next to them (below). (photos courtesy of Stephanie Storer).



Campus Ministry's Labyrinth Provides Focus for Lenten

By Jennifer Ruff, Staff Writer

Campus Ministry wanted to observe the Lenten season by having a labyrinth in the Halleck Ballroom. Dr. Laura Artress, author of *Walking a Sacred Path: Rediscovering the Labyrinth as a Spiritual Tool*, describes the labyrinth in the following way, "Walking the labyrinth is a body prayer. It is non-threatening; all we are asked to do is walk. Even

those of us with the deepest divisions can do that. Moving through the labyrinth, we can learn what it feels like to stand firm in the world. We can sense our feet firmly planted on the ground, our legs, pelvis, torso, arms, neck, and head flowing with energy and life."

A labyrinth consists of a path laid on the floor. The path that SJC students walked was a replica of the Chartres Labyrinth from the floor of the Cathedral of

Our Lady of Chartres in Chartres, France. This path has no tricks or dead ends, therefore it is impossible to become lost in the lines.

Since ancient times, the labyrinth has been used to enhance the practice of meditation and prayer. It offers an opportunity to find one's self and the Holy Spirit. Walking the path serves as a pilgrimage to finding God within.

The walk consists of three parts. The first phase is purgation. This is the process of letting go and shedding thoughts and emotions. Purgation helps calm the body by emptying the mind of worries. The second phase is illumination. This occurs when you reach the center, or the rosette. It is a place for reflection and prayer. The third phase is called Union, yet is also known as reunion or communion. This is returning to the world

transformed from the experience and to take what you gained into the outside world.

After the walk the students were encouraged to take a Bible verse from a basket. The verse might have a connection to their walk in some way. It was a way to bring the walk in full circle. Campus Ministry encourages students to continue to walk with God and to look for other opportunities to strengthen their bond with the Lord.

Governor Mitch Daniels Speaks at Saint Joseph's College

By Becky Scherer '05,
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Saint Joseph's College was host to Mitch Daniels, 49th governor of Indiana, on Thursday, January 31. Daniels included SJC in his tour of colleges and universities, presenting forums and open question-and-answer sessions with the intent of making a difference in how young people in Indiana recognize the state as a place of opportunity.

Following a brief speech to the crowd of SJC students, employees and local high school students, Daniels opened the floor to participant questions, which ranged from Daniels' opinion of the need to improve the status of Hoosier farms, low-income health insurance options, nonviolent criminals, victimless crimes, and immigration restrictions and related penalty laws, but the conversation repeatedly returned to issues within Indiana school systems.

"There are not many things more important than our future, and our future lies in the education of our youth," Daniels said. "We need to improve our

schools, and – to do that – we need to invest in our children and their future."

The majority of Daniels' hour-long visit centered on the importance of living and working in Indiana after college, particularly for those students who are training to become educators.

David Spencer, a junior English major from Indianapolis, Indiana, inquired about incentives offered by Indiana to keep Hoosier educators in the state.

"We need to have excellent teachers in every classroom, and we need excellent resources for use in preparing our kids for teaching," Daniels replied. "We're constantly in competition

to be better than 49 other states, so Indiana has made huge investments to guarantee our thriving future."

Prior to his run for office, Daniels spent many of his formative years in the employment of Indianapolis Mayor Richard Lugar, serving as his Principal Assistant, Administrative Assistant, and Campaign Manager after following Lugar to Washington, D.C. upon his election to the US Senate.



Governor Mitch Daniels addressed local high school students, SJC students, and employees at Saint Joseph's College on January 31 in the Rev. Charles Banet, C.P.P.S. Core Education Center's Shen Auditorium. (photo courtesy of Becky Scherer '05).

Daniels also served as Lugar's Chief of Staff and was appointed the Executive Director of the National Republican Senatorial Committee upon Lugar's election as Chairman of the same organization.

Daniels joined the Reagan Administration as Deputy Assistant for Intergovernmental Affairs before being named President Reagan's Chief Political Adviser and Liaison to State and Local Officials. Following, he served as the

Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Indianapolis' Hudson Institute and Vice President of Corporate Affairs for Eli Lilly & Co. He ultimately rose to the rank of President for Lilly's North American pharmaceutical operations and Senior Vice President of corporate strategy and policy. Additionally, Daniels returned to Washington to serve as Director of the Office of Management and Budget under the George W. Bush Administration.

Saint Joseph's College Student-Athletes Come to the Rescue for Flood Victims

By Kathleen Grady,
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Saint Joseph's College recognizes that an integral part of a complete liberal arts college education is community outreach. The College sponsors a number of clubs and activities that involve the Rensselaer community, but it is especially important for Saint Joseph's College to come together and support the community in times of crisis.

The January and February floods in Jasper County left many citizens without basic necessities,

and Saint Joseph's College students stepped in to help.

In an effort to assist and aid community members in this time of need, the Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) organized a week-long clothing drive around the campus to assist Jasper County flood victims.

Donation boxes were placed in various locations to encourage students and employees to give their gently-used clothes to the less fortunate.

"The clothing drive was very

successful," said Jill Shopieray, Women's Volleyball Coach and SAAC advisor. "We collected over 2,000 clothing items, all of which were taken to a shelter outside of Remington. Many people

benefited from these generous donations."

SAAC secretary Missy Kiefer, a senior Business Administration major from Crown Point, Indiana, assisted Shopieray in counting and sorting the clothing items and transporting them to the shelter.

"The clothing drive was a good way for SAAC to help the community in a time of need," she said. "It was nice to be able to relate to the people we assisted, because we were all affected by the flooding."

SAAC members are no strangers to doing good works for the community.

"The purpose of SAAC is to provide a way for student-athletes to become involved in campus and community activities," Shopieray said.

In the past, the club has held canned food drives for the local food pantry in addition to the annual event, Kids' Night Out, where children from the community are invited to the

campus and play games with the student-athletes.

"Being involved with SAAC allows us as student-athletes to give back to the community that supports us so much throughout the year," said Kiefer, who is also the captain of the women's tennis team.

For more information about SAAC, contact Shopieray at jills@saintjoe.edu.

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~Missy Kiefer

Upcoming Campus Events

- Sunday, February 24 : Campus Ministry-sponsored trip to St. Victor's Soup Kitchen
- Thursday, February 28 at 8:00 p.m.: Winter Choral Concert: "BACH - FEST" in the SJC Theatre
- SPRING BREAK: Residents Halls close Friday, February 29 at 6:00 p.m. They do not reopen until Sunday, March 9 at 12:00 p.m.

Careerfest Gives Opportunities to SJC Students

By Sam Duffey, Staff Writer

Saint Joseph's College Annual Careerfest was held on February 13, 2008 in Halleck Student Center Ballroom. An array of representatives from local and distant businesses were on hand to inform students about these specific jobs.

A wide variety of businesses made the trip to Saint Joseph's College. From the Missionaries of the Precious Blood to the US Marines Corps Officer Selection, a wide selection of occupations was available to the students. A lot of local businesses such as Walgreen's, Jasper County Hospital, and WLQI/Brother's Broadcasting made the short trip to Saint Joseph's College to hand out information and explain to students exactly what those jobs entail.

"Students of all class years attended CareerFest," said Donna Brody, Director of Career Development. "Some employers start recruiting before junior year, but it is tremendously important for our seniors to take advantage of the opportunity."

Three different police departments were also made available. The Indiana State Police, Lansing Police Department, and the Matteson Police Department, all were very different in what they explained. The Indiana State Police offered a very wide look at all the opportunities and jobs that are available to a State Trooper. The Lansing and Matteson Police Departments are much smaller than the State Police but both offered unique information as well. The Lansing Police Department offered a look at the position of Probationary Police Officer, and the Matteson Police Department offered a look at a regular Police Officer.

Not surprisingly, the most popular station in the Halleck Student Center Ballroom was the Indiana National Guard station. The Indiana National Guard was allowing students to try on a piece of the body armor worn by the troops. Never afraid of a little competition the Marine Corps Officer Selection station offered an opportunity to watch a video about the Corps and free key chains and lanyards; a friendlier look at the competition that comes with entering the real world.

"It's a good opportunity to learn about different types of jobs and what to expect in the future" junior Crime Justice Major Brandon Ward said. This sentiment was shared by most of the students who attended Careerfest.

Careerfest '08 was a colossal success. The different variety of businesses made it easy for students to find what they are interested in. Most of the attendees left with smiles on their faces having been given a glimpse at their futures and what they might expect from them.

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Spring (Break) Forward to the Future

By Brent J Houlding, *Opinion Editor*

Come on in one and all to BJ's Playhouse. This issue is out early, meaning you can enjoy my degenerate opining and random pop culture references all the sooner. In the honor of Macintosh recently releasing their Leopard operating system: on the 'dock' today are work complaints, travel suggestions, and commentary on the NIU tragedy. Onward!

Anybody else super busy? I've asked before, and never heard back from any of you, but I'm nevertheless confident that the answer is yes. As the semester rolls on, workloads are increasing, and it seems that an alarmingly high amount of things are due immediately before Spring Break. Legitimately so, some professors are citing expected senioritis as the reason for their unbalanced semester, but I'm also in a couple of non-senior classes that seem to be top-heavy. Sure, the Promised Land that is post-Spring Break life looks good, but there are plenty of barriers to clear before that, such as my grueling Core X bibliography, Core 8 research paper, improvisation journal, anatomy & physiology exam week. And I know I'm not alone (i.e. a Core 8 research paper, mass comm. research paper,



Pssh, you should be so lucky. You'll probably be at your Aunt Mildred's. Don't eat the hard candy. (<http://www.isibindiafrica.co.za/mabibi/images/enlarge/thonga-beach-aerial-1.jpg>)

surface design midterm week). I see rough days ahead for us all.

Mercifully, however, Spring Break is fast approaching. I'm sure that we all are once again bemoaning that our Spring Break does not sync up with Mardi Gras, but that doesn't mean there aren't plenty of options available. Perhaps you will travel to Spain to watch politics in action as their general elections are sent to take place. Alternatively, you could see elections in France to get your blood flowing for our Presidential season. Politics not your thing? How about traveling to Britain for Mothering Sunday? Budget problems? You could take in a film coming out that weekend, from "10,000 BC" to "College Road Trip", the former being a historical tale of a mammoth hunter fighting against all odds, while the latter, despite a promising title, is a Disney comedy starring Raven-Symone and Martin Lawrence.

If none of these are capturing your interest, perhaps you are a sports fan. NBA action is in full swing, and Spring Break includes such matchups as Detroit-Boston, LA Lakers-Sacramento, and Utah-Dallas. More of a college fan? Our Spring Break is the last week before Conference

Tourneys begin, allowing for the final jockeying of position within conference seeding. Seeing how many Indiana teams are doing quite well at the moment, I imagine a few Pumas will be interested. Or maybe, just maybe, you're a baseball fan. It just so happens that Spring Training is in full swing when we get our time off. Perhaps you'd be interested in traveling to Florida or Arizona to take in a few games, as I did in 2005. We drove to Arizona in my 1994 Geo Tracker to see two Cubs spring training games, including a great four innings pitched by Big Z, Carlos Zambrano. I highly recommend the experience to anyone.

Lastly, let me comment on the recent tragedy at NIU. You can verify on Facebook that my second highest non-SJC college friends-wise is indeed NIU. Fortunately, nobody I knew was a victim, but that does not in any way lessen the gravity of this situation. It seems that there was a heightening of such shootings immediately following Columbine, then a multiyear dip, and now a recent upshooting, including this NIU incident and last year's Virginia Tech tragedy. We need to examine ourselves and find out why this is, so that we can prevent future debacles.



Our prayers are with you. (Photo courtesy of <http://www.golfchicago.com/images/NIU.jpg>)



Try to focus...it's almost over! (Photo courtesy of http://www.globalsecurity.org/military/systems/ship/images/ddg-67_cole-hole-close_usnavy01.jpg)

All is Not So Well in Indianapolis, So Listen Up

By Jacob Teska, *Political Correspondant*

As some of you may know, I am spending this semester in Indianapolis working for the Indiana House of Representatives Republican Caucus. It is incredibly exciting for someone who enjoys politics as much as I do. Even if you don't enjoy politics or government, or even if you despise it, you should still be in the know about what is going on here.

Item number one on the Indiana General Assemblies list this year was the property tax crisis. I know. I know you guys, and right now you are thinking "why should I care"? Well, believe it or not, this stuff affects you (except for you Illinois kids who should probably stop reading this column now)!

The Indiana House has passed Governor Daniels' property tax reform plan in the form of House Bill 1001 which is now being considered in the Senate. Let's hope they can fix it considering Speaker Bauer and his lackies absolutely mutilated it in the House. The House Dems amended the bill to take out permanent property tax caps and removed the provision that allowed Hoosiers to vote for the

passage of large capital and school construction projects. Typical Democrats. All they want to do is spend. They don't care about the taxpayer and yet with promises of increased social welfare programs and public works projects, they continue to be elected.

See, the problem with Indiana's legislature is that in the House, the Democrats have a 51-49 majority while in the Senate, Republicans enjoy a super-majority of 33-17. This makes it hard to get anything done.

Again you ask, "how does this affect me"? Well when property taxes go up, landlords are forced to raise rent. Planning on renting an apartment soon? Some are calling for the complete repeal of property taxes, making up the lost revenue in sales tax. I know you girls like to shop!

Another controversial bill that has just come to the House from the Senate is Senate Bill 335. Much like laws passed in Oklahoma and Arizona, this bill introduces heavy penalties for employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants and/or fail to use the e-verify system while hiring an employee.



The lovely Indiana state legislature. (Photo courtesy of http://medhumanities.iupui.edu/images/marker_05_lantzer.jpg)

Illegal immigrants are a huge problem in Indiana. I am tired of liberals claiming that these immigrants are taking jobs that Americans don't want because in Indiana, they are taking factory jobs, jobs on RV production lines etc. Employers hire them because they can get away with paying them a substantially lower wage. Are you going to someday be an employee or employer in Indiana?

I guess what I am saying is that we all need to start paying attention to what happens in our state legislature. Personally, I was much more interested in national policy before I came here. There are copies of the IndyStar inside the Halleck. Pick one up, at least skim over it and think about how what is happening here affects your life (while looking for my name).

A Not-So-Super Tuesday

By Jacob Teska, *Political Correspondant*

My presidential hopeful of choice, Mike Huckabee (R-AK), came out of the "Super Tuesday" primaries with his head held high and a renewed sense of confidence in his campaign. Although he was still behind Senator John McCain (R-AZ) by hundreds of delegates, it didn't seem impossible to reach the 1191 delegates needed to obtain the GOP nomination. After the Potomac Primaries (Maryland, Virginia and D.C.) however, Governor Huckabee's prospects are looking a little grimmer. Voters in the Potomac (especially Virginia) narrowly voted McCain their favorite candidate.

I think we can all be confident that with Senator Barack Obama (D-IL), winning in 21 states since February 5th, taking the lead in the delegate count and gaining momentum, that he will pick up the Democratic nomination. This, of course, is if the Dems prove all conventional wisdom wrong by showing the country that they do indeed have the ability to reason. A Hilary Clinton nomination would be suicide for the Democratic Party. Hey! I wouldn't complain.

I am disappointed in Mitt Romney (R-MA) for giving his support to McCain. I thought Romney was a more loyal conservative. Romney's delegates would have greatly helped Huckabee. While it is still mathematically possible for Huckabee to pull the 1191 delegates needed, it remains highly unlikely. What is wrong with the American people? With the Republican Party? C'mon people, Chuck Norris is behind Huckabee! CHUCK NORRIS!

Oh well, I guess because of American stupidity and reliance on the nation's left-wing media outlets that have demonized traditional Republicans for the



Do you want to mess with his candidate? (http://www.nytimes.com/images/chuck_norris.jpg)

past four-plus years, Republicans don't have the luxury of voting for their candidate of their choice this time. We have to vote for the Republican who appears most electable so that we are not completely pushed out of power. It is, after all, our duty to protect this country from leftist degenerates like Hillary Clinton and Nancy Pelosi.

So, unfortunately, we will have to put up with at least four years of mediocre conservatism from John McCain, to save the



This man could quite possibly be the next president of the United States, so maybe you should get used to "President McCain. Better than "Clinton II" (Photo thanks to http://www.beloblog.com/ProJo_Blogs/newsblog/archives/mccain.jpg)

country from complete and utter destruction. This isn't Venezuela, Clinton! We Americans have rights. We believe in the freedom of the individual and the market. We overwhelmingly hold traditional values but just can't seem to sift through the lies we are fed on a daily basis by the likes of NBC, the Washington Post and the Hollywood elite. When (not if) push comes to shove, I will vote for Senator McCain (and encourage you to),

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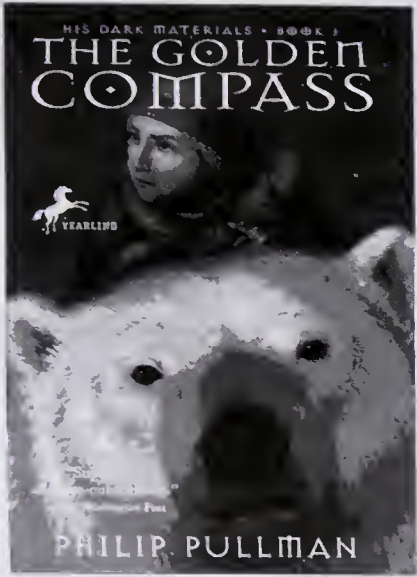
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Controversial *Compass* Leads to Adventure

By Erika Rowshan, Staff Writer



Young children cavorting with bears and atheists. Stephen Colbert would not approve. (<http://accordingtoheather.files.wordpress.com/2007/08/golden-compass.jpg>)

I am unsure if any of you readers out there happen to remember the controversy that went along with the book *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman a few months ago or so. Well, in all actuality, people did not seem to find the book so appalling until after a big Hollywood blockbuster rendition of the book came out into theaters. However, I digress.

I originally ended up purchasing the entire *His Dark Materials* trilogy while I was shopping for Christmas presents on Amazon.com a few months ago. This was after I had heard about the controversy surrounding this series, in which some people believed that Pullman was attempting to teach atheism to the young children who the books were supposedly written for. Being a curious person by nature (and a hopeful future librarian who loves to read), I determined that I had to find out what the controversy was all about.

The beginning of the trilogy starts by telling the story of one of the main characters of the series, by the name of Lyra, a young, headstrong, and witty little girl who lives in Oxford, England, amongst the elderly scholars of Jordan College. She loves to run wild with all of the children of the area and constantly has something that known as a daemon by her side. The daemons are some of the things that I find most intriguing about this series. They take on the form of different animals (until the person who is their “owner,” so to speak, reaches adulthood) and are a part of the soul, or nature, of their human familiar. Unfortunately for Lyra and her daemon (who I will call Pan for brevities sake), they are forced into an adventure where they must travel as far as the North Pole (and perhaps even further in later books of the series).

Throughout the novel, there are numerous interesting characters, such as the icy and seemingly cruel enemy (or is it friend?) of Lyra by the name of

Mrs. Coulter, the quick talking Texan aeronaut Lee Scoresby, and a talking (yes, talking) polar bear by the name of Iorek (who actually became one of my favorite characters). Pullman seems to have a true talent with characterization, and thus, that was one of my favorite aspects of the series.

Ah, but I have avoided talking about the all-important controversy of atheism versus religion that supposedly encompasses the entire book. I personally did not really find any particular moment in this book in which it seemed as if Pullman was trying to glorify atheism (although the other two books in the series tend to get a little bit iffy on that subject). Although there is a rather strong and strict church of some type that rules over much of Lyra’s world, I did not feel as if Pullman was attempting to preach atheism. Nevertheless, I suppose that is something that would have to be the reader’s personal interpretation of the novel.

There were actually moments in the book that caused me to wonder whether these books were really meant to be read by young children. There is definitely an underlying tone of violence and frightening imagery that might scare children, and yet, perhaps children these days are a bit more used to that kind of imagery than I was as a child. Although these books may seem to be written for children or young adults, there is actually a rather deep and magnificent story throughout that can hold the attention of an adult reader. In fact, I would go so far as to say that adults might even get more out of the books than children would.

Overall, I was quite transfixed while reading all three of Pullman’s *His Dark Materials* books, and I highly recommend them to anyone who loves a good fantasy book (or just a good book in general). So, be a nerd like me and read a children’s book series! Come on, you know you want to!

I give *The Golden Compass*: ★★★★★

Only the Good Die Young

By Jonathan Broeker, Staff Writer

I am fully aware of the cheesy sounding title I provided this story. However, I don’t apologize for the name. Every once in a while, I’m really moved by something someone does. Very rarely do these moments come from celebrities.

Therefore, I would like to take this time to thank Daniel-Day Lewis for inspiring me to write this story, and do not care if it seems overly sentimental. This talented actor has inspired me through his performances many times. *My Left Foot* was fascinating, *The Last of the Mohicans* was breathtaking, and it was hard not to love him as Bill the Butcher in Martin Scorsese’s *Gangs of New York*. It is his real life character, however, that truly deserves recognition.

Recently, while accepting the Screen Actors Guild Award for best actor, this amazing individual dedicated his acceptance speech to the late Heath Ledger. What could have been tacky and unprofessional instead became one of the most talked about acceptance speeches in years. Best of all, the two men didn’t even know each other! This leads me to the point of my story. I feel obligated to dedicate this article to Mr. Ledger and his legacy. I am aware that I am no Daniel-Day Lewis, and that *The Observer* is not quite as impressive as an award show speech. Still, I would like to express my admiration for Ledger and his body of work.

The death of Heath Ledger at age 28 truly took Hollywood by storm. It turned a talented, yet slightly unknown, actor into a household name. I am not going to give you another story about his death or his drug problems. If you wish to read a story like that, then grab the latest addition of People Magazine. I am here to discuss his final wishes.

Obviously, I am not aware of Heath’s final wishes, but I would like to point out that the man was no conformist. He was an artist.

He left the other teen idols in the dust when he took more challenging roles in movies like *Monster’s Ball* and *Brokeback Mountain*. The latter earned him an Oscar nomination, but I think it is fair to say that he lost a huge fan base in the process. Taking the role of a tortured soul who happens to be struggling with his own homosexuality isn’t going to help you be the next Budweiser spokesman.

However, this is why we loved him. Heath didn’t care what the industry thought, nor did he care about becoming a star. The best part about his career is how he refused to let himself be told what roles were “right” for him. After his Oscar nomination, he took the role of a struggling drug addict in the fantastic *Candy*. Soon afterwards, he accepted the role of a lifetime as the Joker in the upcoming *Batman* sequel. His portrayal of the comic book character has created more buzz prior to hitting the big screen than any before it, and no performance has been as eagerly awaited this year. Heath’s vision for the evil clown has been exciting to read about and watch in movie trailers. Ledger’s version is darker and more serious than other actors have played the role in the past.

Heath, and the film, soon had a cult following on their hands. It is important to note that a large majority of this fan base had not been huge supporters of him in his “gay cowboy role.” This just goes to show how easy it was to like the man, even if you hadn’t previously been a fan. Sadly, Ledger will never be able to see the response people have to his villainous performance.

With the film due out this summer, there has been a lot of speculation as to how the movie will do financially. I’m here to tell you that it will have a “James Dean like” response. The movie, and Heath, will be more popular than they would have been had the actor been alive to attend the premiere. When James Dean died

years ago, his films *Rebel Without a Cause* and *Giant* shot him into stardom. The eerie part is that he wasn’t alive when they were released.

My concern isn’t the success of Heath’s new film, however. My concern is allowing his performance, and the love of it, to remain untouched. I recently visited a store in the mall to pick up the new Joker shirt, which has a picture of Heath’s face on it, but was promptly told that it had been pulled from the shelves because it might offend people. If anybody would be offended, I would think it would be Heath. How would he like to know that his final, and most anticipated performance, was watered down because he isn’t alive to watch it with us? When an actor works that hard to create a character and feels so passionately about what they are doing, then that performance, and everything that goes with it, should be left alone.

I say sell the shirts and memorabilia, and not even think about editing the film. In fact, if you want to change anything about the film, add more scenes with the Joker in it. Let Heath be remembered for what he cared about. He was a loving father and a wonderful actor. So let’s leave his family and body of work alone.



(Photo courtesy of http://images.askmen.com/men/celeb_profiles_entertainment/38_heath_ledger.jpg)

Nada Surf Make Listeners *Lucky*

By Gabriele Nichols, Features Editor



Apparently there’s something lucky about really cheap album cover photos. (Photo courtesy of http://mediaportal.ru/uploads/posts/2007-12/1197796083_48c4e5e1ad770d00123b252eb9b4c686.jpg)

In today’s alternative rock scene, far too many bands seem obsessed with angst and failure. Nada Surf is a major exception to this rule. Their previous album, *The Weight is a Gift*, was fun, energetic rock whose sentiments sometimes ranged no further than “let’s have a party.”

This makes the first song from the new album, *Lucky*, somewhat distressing. “See These Bones” seems worried about mortality and life, possibly the life of the band. Existential themes don’t seem the best fit for Nada Surf’s sound, but the weighty lyrics don’t overpower the pure beauty of the song, as the trio layers vocals and

instruments on top of each other, building to a huge final chorus.

Nada Surf has always been a band cursed by early success, thus making them one hit wonders. *Lucky* will probably not change that status, as it does not change up the sound, instead simply continuing towards gorgeous pop perfection. Some moments even reach Brian Wilson levels of arrangement, such as the Beach Boys harmonizing that closes out the aptly named “Weightless.”

For anyone looking for some music that’s energizing and optimistic without being condescending and cheesy, Nada Surf is a perfect choice.

Saint Joseph's College: An Epic Mythology, Part One

By Elizabeth Bessette, Staff Writer

Editor's Note: *The writer of this article would just like me to assure everyone that this article, and the follow-ups in the series, are meant in complete fun. Any resemblance to actual people in Saint Joseph's College history is in name only. We kid because we love.*

There is a grand place called Saint Joseph's College. It is a place for scholars and champions alike, and a place where they can live in harmony. Its creation began hundreds of years ago, in the time of The Great Earthwyrms. The Great Earthwyrms created an underground city to use for its own evil needs. TGE, as it shall now be known, wound its way below the earth, terrorizing any creature who was unfortunate to cross its path. Soon, a great man



An artist's rendition of The Great Earthwyrms, or something from a fantasy game website? You decide. (Photo courtesy of <http://magiccards.info/gp/en/133.html>)

was called in to end this reign of terror!

He flew from Italy, carried by the Japanese beetles that now ravage the crops, for it is known that there must be equivalent exchange. This great Hero was called Gaspar, and he waged war with TGE. This battle was epic and lasted for 400 days. Each time the Hero would slice the creature, the segments would become another enemy to fight. Soon, Gaspar realized that he would have to use his ingenuity to solve this battle instead of brute strength.

Gaspar single handedly constructed a huge structure that would carry water directly into the beast's lair. Two hours later, the tower was complete. On the final day of the epic battle, Gaspar opened the floodgates and water raged into TGE's lair, drowning it and all its young. Gaspar was taken to an epic feast where the scholars and champions declared that his name would forever be known.

The city is still there. This underworld was turned into a place where scholars' souls are taken until they can pass the final exams. It is filled with rooms that have windows to nowhere. The halls are so saturated with evil that they create great



It's Seifert. Now I would like to use this caption to say the people coming up with this article my need some serious mental help. (Photo courtesy of <http://www.saintjoe.edu/map/seifert.html>)

tracks of land where nothing grows.

Once the floodwaters had subsided, it created the river Xyts. It is guarded by the boatman who answers only to the name Randel O'Flannery. He collects the souls of scholars the day before their tests, and he guards them, keeping them safe until they pass or fail. The scholars that pass receive their souls. As for the scholars that do not, their souls are kept until Randy deems the punishment fits the crime.

525,600 minutes after the epic Great Earthwyrms verses Gaspar battle, another epic creature wandered onto the grounds of the now peaceful Saint Joseph's College. No one could identify the name of the massive beast, describing it as a cross between a

Jabberwocky and a Lethifold. It was a gorgon of some kind, as one of the scholars happened into its path and poor Fr. Seifert was turned to stone. However, Gaspar was still on the grounds, and the scholars begged him to save their small place.

Gaspar went and confronted the creature. The Hero's epic reputation preceded him, and the Jabberfold wet it self in fear. The puddle expanded itself in a perfect circle eating away at the ground until a pond had been

made. Then the creature released its bowels in the center and fled. From the fecal matter a fresh spring of water sprang, and will never cease to flow.

The wonder that was Gaspar ended only a few days later. The Hero met his tragic end in a gruesome bear blasting incident, the details of which are too graphic to include in this account. But, as promised, his name lives on to inspire all people to engage in epic battles with earthwyrms.

This is only the beginning. In days to come, more epic tales will be told and the truth will be learned.

Editor's Note: *The epic story of Saint Joseph's College will continue in the next issue of The Observer.*



I will never look at that fountain the same way again. (Photo courtesy of <http://www.saintjoe.edu/map/pond.html>)

We All Make Mistakes

By Michael Buno, Staff Writer

In my time here at *The Observer*, I have made mistakes, but I have been able to recover from them quickly (partially due to the fact that no one reads this.) As few of you probably know, I have had an extensive background in the field of journalism, spanning many years, and during that time, I have managed to make some big gaffes in judgment. However, I managed to rebound from these mistakes and continue my successful career in writing. After this year, I will be heading to Alaska to write editorial articles for *Playboy Magazine: Yukon Edition* (hey, there are some sexy women under those eight layers of clothes. From what I hear, anyway...)

Presented to you now are some excerpts from articles I have written in the past, that I have since redacted or apologized to the individual, group, or fake religion I may have offended.

September 19, 2004

From *The Paparazzi Probe*

Breaking news from the world of entertainment today: Britney Spears has married fiancé and backup dancer Kevin Federline, to no surprise of this journalist. What couldn't Britney see in a dapper young man like Kevin? He's talented (his highly anticipated rap career is soon to explode on the music scene), he's stylish and trendy (as we speak, I'm wearing a sideways baseball

cap), and he's quite the alpha male (let's just say that Britney's not going to be giving Kevin an "allowance" anytime soon.) No, Britney and Kevin are America's sweethearts, and if their marriage doesn't last "til death does them part", you can, I don't know, throw me in the loony bin.

December 31, 1999

From *The Daily Paranoia*

Repent; the end is near! By the end of today, the world as we know it will be over! Y2K is for real, and if you don't believe me, ask the knowledgeable people at Best Buy. Soon, we will return to 1900, and the world will be covered in a dull, sepia tone for another 30 years. I don't know about you, but I don't want to go back to wearing three-piece suits, bowler hats, and that bow tie that can strangle you if worn incorrectly. Ladies, would you feel comfortable in a corset that cuts off your air supply and shoes that you'd have to sever off one of your toes to wear? Not me. Luckily for you, reader, I am here to divulge my plan to fly a rocket up to space once the new millennium arrives. We'll land on Mars after approximately two days to 20 years, and although it may appear uninhabitable, there might be trace amounts of water there. All I ask of you is that I can call dibs on the hottest Martian bachelorette.

April 23, 1985

From *Stupid Pop Culture Weekly*

The wait is over- The New Coke is here!

Just when you thought the "Cola Wars" couldn't get any more intense, Coca-Cola's highly-anticipated taste of the future is finally here to subdue our anxieties. What will be different about the "new" beverage? Will it have more natural products? Will it be carbonated in a different way? Will it give me the sense of euphoria I only experience by watching *The Facts of Life*? One thing I do know: it will be a success, and it will not be a colossal marketing disaster that threatens thousands of jobs.

January 20, 1964

From *Stone Roller Magazine*

Album Review: *Meet the Beatles*

Where to begin? I haven't heard a more repulsive and cacophonous sound screeching from a record player since I listened to Frank Sinatra's poorly-acclaimed album *Cats, Cabs, and Castrati*.

The album was absolute British rubbish. I didn't even pay attention to the song titles. The entire 26 minutes I spent having to suffer through this, I was trying to plug my ears with fish and chips. Hey, "Beatles," if that's your real name, go back to jolly old England and tell the Queen

and Big Ben we said "Hi" as you enjoy your tea breaks with your biscuits and scones.

Rating: ★

Although the album was garbage, I think this "Ringo" kid has some real talent. If he breaks away from this group now, he has the potential to do some amazing things.

April 14, 1865

From *The Washington Foreshadower*

If you go and see one and only one play this year, go see "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in our nation's capitol. Tonight, our own President Lincoln will be in attendance. Trust me, you won't utter to your wife halfway through, "I'd rather be dead than watch this."

Unknown Date, 1492

From *The Spanish Inquisitor*

Here I am aboard the Niña, one of the three mighty ships of Christopher Columbus, on his journey to Asia. Although it is not clear as of yet if the world is round or flat, according to my bet with Chris, if I win, he will have to name a land mass after me. Just picture it: "Come sail away to the tropical paradise of Bunoland." Catchy, isn't it? For me to lose, not only must the world not be flat, but if we do

happen to come across natives of a land we discover, we will not pillage their territory and put them into permanent reservations. Sounds foolproof.

Cavemanuary 7, Many years ago B.C.

From *The Boulder (The Rock, Not the City) Gazette*

Grog tell me he come up with new invention. He call it "wheel." Me skeptic about circle object. Me enjoy square. Square reliable. Square no easy to steal. This seem dumb to me. What next, sliced bread?

Well, there you have it; a short list of blunders I've made over the years, and although I can't take them back, I can say that I hope I have plenty of opportunities to make them in the future. Many more years of journalism means many more years of prognosticating and likely many mistakes as well.

I will start off the last half of my scholastic journey with a bold prediction:

Super Bowl 43: Saint Joe Pumas 86, Denver Nuggets 2.

Furthermore, the game will be interrupted for 15 minutes due to raining toads.

What's Nostradamus got on that?

Men s Basketball Postseason Hopes Still Alive



By Andrew Costello '08,
Sports Editor

(All stats courtesy of SJC Sports
Information.)

The SJC men's basketball team seems to be mirroring the seasonal changes to which we have all become accustomed. Sometimes the team wins, beating up on quality opponents to demonstrate their legitimacy as a GLVC contender and NCAA tournament hopeful. Other times, the team loses a heartbreaker and finds themselves in the middle of a crowded East Division of the conference. Despite the fickle nature of college basketball, the Pumas resiliency and experience will lead them to the Promised Land, just as warmer weather is at the end of the long tunnel of a Midwest winter.

Currently 14-9 (10-5 GLVC), the rest of the schedule seems to favor the Pumas and their endeavors to have a successful postseason. Three of the last four games are at home, two of which present opportunities to avenge losses earlier this season. The

team faces Lewis University on Saturday, February 23rd and Kentucky Wesleyan on Saturday, March 1st, the home finale and Senior Day. The Pumas lost to the Flyers 64-68 on January 3rd and the Panthers just 12 days ago.

The Pumas have had their share of ups and downs the past two weeks. On Thursday, February 7, the Pumas upended the Screaming Eagles of Southern Indiana, 75-57. The victory was indeed a sweet one, as it has become one of the better rivalries in the Midwest. The Pumas got out to a hot start, scoring the first 12 points and storming out to a 25-4 lead, shooting 64 percent from the floor, including 6 for 12 beyond the arc. The Pumas led by no less than 15 points in the second half. The victory was the Pumas third consecutive game of holding opponents to under 60 points. Four Pumas scored in double-digits, as senior guard Ronald Coleman (15), junior

forward Brandon Mayse (13), sophomore guard Andrew Helmer (12), and junior guard Will Jones (10) each contributed to a balanced offensive attack. Mayse also nabbed 9 rebounds and freshman Michael Horton had 6 assists.

On Saturday, February 9th, the Pumas locked horns with the another 6-game winning streak, the Panthers of then-no. 24 ranked Kentucky Wesleyan College. Unfortunately for SJC, the Pumas saw their winning streak end, as they lost 79-70. After leading 47-34 at halftime, the Panthers saw their lead cut down to 64-62 by a furious run by the Pumas. An 11-2 run on behalf of the Panthers put the game away, however. Once again, the seniors provided strong leadership, as Coleman and senior guard Devin Thomas scored 20 and 16 points, respectively. Will Jones scored 14 while senior guard Matty Bush dished out five assists.

The Pumas rebounded from tough loss by taking care of business against then-no. 22 Northern Kentucky. The Pumas and Norse exchanged leads for a majority of the contest, but an 18-2 run in the second half gave the Pumas the lead for good, 66-53 with under five minutes to go. Once again, four Pumas scored in double-digits, as Coleman, Thomas, Jones, and Horton each contributed significantly. Helmer grabbed a game-high seven rebounds for the Pumas. The win jolted the Pumas into a three-way tie (10-4) in the GLVC East Division standings.

The weekend "southern sweep" did not come to fruition, forever, as pesky Bellarmine defeated the Pumas 82-73 last Saturday in Louisville. The Knights set the tempo with a 13-3 run early in the contest. Although the Pumas cut the lead to 77-71, the Knights iced the game with some late-game 3-point heroics. Despite the loss,

Will Jones had a career-high 20 points and eight rebounds, while Coleman had 19 points and eight rebounds.

The March 1st contest against Kentucky Wesleyan will be an emotional game, not only for its NCAA regional rankings implications, but also because it will be Senior Day. For senior Devin Thomas, it will be a great ending to a lasting legacy.

"I have had the most fun that I have ever had as a Puma. Everyone is playing well. We have not peaked yet. Ron and I have been trying our best to lead and be good examples for the team. We don't care about points, we are just trying to win in our senior year," said the Indianapolis native.

ABOVE (Right): Senior Ron Coleman (33) dunks with authority. ABOVE (Middle): Senior Devin Thomas (20) has proved his critics wrong with his senior leadership. ABOVE (Left): Junior Will Jones (1) has been on fire the past four games. (Photos courtesy of Fr. Tim McFarland C.P.P.S.)

Greatest Super Bowl Game Ever?

Yep, We're Still Talking About It!

By David Spencer '09, Staff Writer

With the 2007 NFL season behind us and lingering images of David Tyree catching an Eli Manning pass in the air between his right hand and his helmet, we look forward to the next NFL season when new memories and milestones will be made. For many, Super Bowl XLII between the Patriots and the Giants was one of the greatest Super Bowls ever seen. Others have already proclaimed it as the greatest championship game ever because of the ending and the magnitude of the upset. While Joe Namath's victory with the New York Jets over the Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl III in 1969 is probably the greatest upset of all time, only a few championship games in recent memory recall the excitement of this past year's Super Bowl.

The last time we saw such a wild finish in the big game was in the fourth quarter of Super Bowl XXXVIII in 2004 between the Patriots and the Panthers. This was the game played in the Reliant Astrodome in Houston where the upstart Panthers took the lead with just over six minutes

remaining on an 85 yard touchdown pass from Jake Delhomme to Mushin Muhammad, going up 22-21. The Patriots retaliated with their own scoring drive, only to be matched once again by Delhomme as he threw a touchdown pass to Ricky Proehl, tying the game at 29-29 with 1:08 remaining. From there, Tom Brady solidified his place in NFL lore by getting his team into field goal range (only, however, after John Kasay kicked the ensuing kickoff out of bounds), and Adam Vinatieri kicked a 41-yard field goal with 4 seconds left to take the lead. The Patriots won their second Super Bowl in three years, emerging 32-29. It was the fourth Super Bowl to be won on a last second field goal since it first happened in Super Bowl V in 1971, as the Baltimore Colts beat the Dallas Cowboys 16-13. The Patriots won Super Bowl XXXVI in 2002 when the Patriots upset the Rams 20-17 winning on a 48-yard Adam Vinatieri field goal as time expired.

A few years before this, some of you might remember the St.

Louis Rams winning their first Super Bowl against the surging Tennessee Titans (fresh off the Music City Miracle) in Super Bowl XXXIV. The Titans took over the ball at their own 10-yard line with 1:54 left in the game down 23-16. Steve McNair drove his team downfield against a formidable Rams' defense and with 6 seconds left in the game, called a timeout from the Rams' six-yard line. On the final play of the game, St. Louis linebacker Mike Jones tackled Tennessee wide receiver Kevin Dyson one-yard short of the goal line to prevent a game-tying touchdown. This play later became known as simply "The Tackle." Not many Super Bowls have been decided on the very last play of the game in such tight circumstances.

In 1998, John Elway finally won the Super Bowl beating the defending champions, Brett Favre and the Green Bay Packers 31-24. The rest of the Super Bowls in 1990's were mostly lopsided and anticlimactic, most notably in games lost by the Buffalo Bills. However, the last Super Bowl the

Giants won, since this most recent victory, was in Super Bowl XXV against the Bills in 1991, a game decided on a last second field goal by Bills' kicker Scott Norwood. It still stands as the closest margin of victory in Super Bowl history. The game was played under much patriotic fervor, due to the Gulf War. The proceedings included a rousing rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by Whitney Houston. Much like this year's Super Bowl, the Giants' opponent was heavily favored to win, sporting a high-scoring no-huddle offense led by Jim Kelly. However, the defensive game plan for the Giants (which was written by defensive coordinator Bill Belichick) stifled the Bills' offensive attack. With under 2:00 remaining, Jim Kelly led the Bills down the field with a mix of scrambles, short passes, and Thurman Thomas runs. Buffalo drove to the Giants' 29-yard line, setting up Scott Norwood for a 47-yard field goal attempt with eight seconds left. However, his kick barely sailed wide right,

sealing New York's victory with four seconds left.

The Giants' triumph helped Bill Belichick and wide receivers coach Tom Coughlin make their names and eventually land head-coaching jobs with the Cleveland Browns and Boston College, respectively. Currently, Belichick is head coach of the New England Patriots, while Coughlin went from Boston College to be the first-ever head coach for the Jacksonville Jaguars, and is currently the head coach of the Giants. Giants' head coach of the time, Bill Parcells, resigned after this victory, but has since returned to the NFL multiple times, most recently as Vice President of Football Operations for the Miami Dolphins. Coughlin and Belichick faced this year in Super Bowl XLII as opposing head coaches, but Coughlin ended up hoisting the Lombardi Trophy. The Giants' and Tom Coughlin have come full circle since 1991, and have participated in two of the most exciting Super Bowls of the last 20 years.



David Tyree (85) will be remembered as one of the heroes of Super Bowl XLII. (Photo from NFL.com Super Bowl photo gallery.)

NHL Faces Scary Reality

By John Wyatt '09, *Sports Editor*

I know that most people read the sports section and skip over the hockey articles, and usually I understand. However, this is one article you do not want to skip over. This past week during a hockey game between the Buffalo Sabres and the Florida Panthers, a player had his throat slashed open by another player's hockey skate. This is one of the most gruesome scenes in not just recent sports history but in its entirety. Details of this event are as follows: when Florida's Richard Zednik was skating into the Sabre's zone on the attack he was behind the play all together, then when his teammate Olli Jokinen was thrown into the air by a Sabres defender he landed head first as his skate flew up and struck Zednik right in the neck. The skate

opened up a deep gash, nearly severing a major artery and a hole serious enough and large enough that caused Zednik to lose five pints of blood. After being rushed to the hospital in Buffalo and receiving emergency surgery, he was considered to be in stable and good conditions and said to have received 300 stitches. Along with Zednik being rushed to the hospital the scene also caused multiple players to vomit, 3 heart attacks from fans in the stand along with multiple fans fainting from the sight of blood.

In 1989 a player by the name of Clint Malarchuk, a goalie for the Sabres, had his jugular vein cut by a skate from a member of the St. Louis Blues. When watching the game and the Zednik scene he told reporters that the incident has caused him

to remember his own tragedy that still to this day haunts him. Malarchuk is now retired from hockey. He said that watching [the Zednik incident] tore his heart to pieces, knowing that someone else had to go through what he did.

So after two incidents about the same thing, would the NHL like to create neck guards for the players? No, because the odds of these types of events are so small, along with every player trying to avoid these kinds of accidents they do not see the dire reason to introduce neck guards. But to the family Richard Zednik and those close to him, my prayers and thought go out to you. As I'm sure that the rest of the hockey nation feels the same way.

SJC Baseball Gears Up For 2008 Campaign

By Clark Teuscher '00, *Sports Information Director*

With returning starters at most positions and a solidified pitching staff, the Saint Joseph's College baseball team opens the 2008 season on Saturday with the hopes of climbing further up the ladder in a Great Lakes Valley Conference that has undergone several changes since the 2007 campaign ended.

For the first time since 2001, the GLVC is broken up into two divisions. SJC will compete in the seven-team East Division, along with Bellarmine University, the University of Indianapolis, Kentucky Wesleyan College, Lewis University, Northern Kentucky University, and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

The West Division, meanwhile, will consist of Drury University, the Missouri University of Science and Technology, the University of Missouri-St. Louis, Quincy University, Rockhurst University, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, and the University of Southern Indiana.

The top two finishers in each division, as well as the teams with the next two best records, will qualify for the GLVC Tournament. SJC, which finished last season fifth in the conference

with a record of 22-15 and went 30-21 overall, has been picked to finish second in the East Division.

The divisional switch has worked in the Pumas' favor this season, as the new 32-game schedule only features two cross-divisional series for each team. SJC will not face Drury, which won the GLVC Tournament last season, or Southern Indiana, which qualified for the NCAA Division II College World Series, in league play this season.

Another significant change involves equipment. For the first time since 1998, the GLVC will use aluminum bats in all conference games, rather than the wood bats that have been employed the last several years.

Sure to take advantage of any additional pop the metal bats can offer is 2007 First Team All-GLVC and All-North Central Region selection Matt Wille (Sr., Crystal Lake, IL/McHenry County CC), who returns as the Pumas' starting center fielder after leading SJC in most offensive categories, including batting average (.393), runs batted in (44), and stolen bases (28).

SJC has a second All-GLVC returnee in the outfield in right

fielder Ryan Murray (Sr., Downers Grove, IL/North). He made the league's Second Team last season after batting .313 with 36 RBI and leading the Pumas in doubles (12) and home runs (3). Scott Sieder (RSr., Carol Stream, IL/Elgin CC) is back in left field for SJC after batting .261 with 11 doubles and two home runs last season.

Entering his fourth year as the Pumas' starting shortstop is Matt Reimer (Sr., Downers Grove, IL/Glenbard South). He was a Second Team All-GLVC pick in 2005 and 2006, and received the North Central Region Gold Glove Award at his position last season by the American Baseball Coaches Association. Reimer, who shared the team lead in runs scored with Wille last season (35), opens the 2008 season as SJC's career leader in fielding assists (493).

First baseman Pat Luehring (So., Algonquin, IL/Jacobs) and second baseman Thomas Zurliene (So., Shorewood, IL/Joliet Catholic) both worked their way into starting roles by the end of last season. Clay Tingley (Jr., Edon, OH) moves from the middle infield to third base this

Puma Softball Profile: Danielle Austin

By Andrew Costello '08, *Sports Editor*



The lone senior on the team, Austin and the Pumas look to make the GLVC tournament for the third consecutive year. (Photo courtesy of Nicole Fetla '07.)

- 1. Full Name:** Danielle Marie Austin "DICK"
- 2. Age:** 22
- 3. What's wrong with the Cubs?** Absolutely nothing, except that they don't win in the playoffs. I love the Cubs!! Especially (Alfonso) Soriano...
- 4. Favorite Perfume:** Clinique Happy
- 5. Macy's or JC Pennys?** JC Penney's; it's cheaper.
- 6. Pizza or Tacos?** Definitely pizza
- 7. What's one thing that most people don't know about you?** I have eight cats, one dog, and a fish named Petey.
- 8. Can you play any musical instruments?** I took four years of piano lessons.

9. Kenny Chesney or Dierks Bentley: Kenny Chesney
10. Benny's or the City Office & Pub: Pub a Lub, because that is where all my favorites hang out!

11. Career plans: I plan to teach middle school or high school physical education, coach high school softball, and hopefully teach driver's education.

12. If I could change one thing about Rensselaer it would be... To have more things to do, maybe a dance club or something.

13. Most memorable concert experience: Never been to a concert

14. Finish the lyrics to this famous Elvis song: "We can't go on together..." With suspicious minds

And we can't build our dreams/ On suspicious minds"

15. Where is Farmersburg?

HAHA, it is about 20 minutes south of Terre Haute. We have one stop light and if you blink there is a good chance you'll miss it!

16. Favorite Color: Yellow

17. Calling or Texting: Considering that I don't have texting, I would say calling.

18. Proudest Moment as a Puma: Making it to the GLVC tournament, and hitting my first home run last year... GO PUMA S-BALL!!

season, while newcomer Andrew Jesse (Jr., Saginaw, MI/Muskegon CC) may see time on the hot corner as well. Mike Pericht (So., Orland Park, IL/Providence Catholic) is back behind the plate after making 33 starts as SJC's catcher as a freshman.

Returning as starting pitchers for the Pumas are righthanders Blaine Cravens (RSr., Buffalo, IL/Lincoln Land CC) and Chase Sonen (RJr., Cary, IL/Cary-Grove). Cravens went 4-3 last season with a 6.18 earned-run average, while Sonen went 2-2 with a 4.58 ERA before redshirting due to injury.

Righthanders Gord Gateman (RJr., Owen Sound, Ontario/Kellogg CC) and Tyler Buhlig (RJr., Beardstown, IL/Lincoln Land CC) are back in the mix after sitting out last season due to injuries, and will compete for

starts along with lefthanders Shane Zegarac (Jr., Lansing, IL/South Suburban CC) and Jason Pufahl (Fr., Tinley Park, IL/Andrew) and righthander Chris Chojnowski (Fr., Chicago, IL/St. Rita).

The Pumas' bullpen includes several veterans, including lefthander Steve Letzter (RJr., Johnsbury, IL/Nova Southeastern Univ.), who went 2-0 with a 1.16 ERA in 23 1/3 innings. Lefthander Shawn Bishop (Jr., Crown Point, IN/Boone Grove) and righthander Stephen Underwood (Sr., Lakeville, IN/LaVille) will see regular work, and Tingley will be counted on for relief innings as well. Pete Quintus (So., Chicago, IL/Gordon Tech) is slated to take over the closer's role for the Pumas this year.

Three Firsts, Another Qualifying Mark For Track Teams

By Clark Teuscher '00, *Sports Information Director*

Three was the magic number for the Saint Joseph's College men's and women's track and field teams at Friday's Grand Valley State University Open.

The Pumas placed first in three events on the day, and saw a third SJC athlete earn a provisional qualifying mark for the NCAA Division II Indoor National Championships.

Two of SJC's three event wins came in the women's meet, as Brittney Bertsch (Sr., Milton, IN/Cambridge City Lincoln) finished

the 55-meter dash in 7.45 seconds to win convincingly and Alexis DeJean (Fr., Indianapolis, IN/Brownsburg) recorded a distance of 41 feet, 1/4 inch to prevail in the shot put.

Kyle Lawson (Sr., Indianapolis, IN/Univ. of Indianapolis) recorded a victory in the men's 35-pound weight throw with a mark of 56'6 3/4". Grant Dean (Sr., Hillsboro, OR), meanwhile, took second in the long jump, his mark of 23'4" provisionally qualifying him for the national meet.



Bertsch was also second in the 200-meter dash (27.02), while Lydia Thompson (Jr., Frankfort, IN) was second in the triple jump (35'2 1/2"). Other second-place finishes from the men's team were posted by Jeremiah Tworek (So., Trafalgar, IN/Indian Creek) in the 200 (23.08) and Justin Pugh (So., Kokomo, IN) in the 55-meter hurdles (7.72).

SJC returns to action Friday, when it travels to Lewis University for the Dick Pond Open. The meet is scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.



RIGHT: Grant Dean qualified for nationals in the long jump last Friday. LEFT: Natasha Kinsey gets ready for her relay. (Photos courtesy of SJC Sports Information and Scott Deatherage '08, respectively.)

Karma and the Cosmos

Divined by our own Sage Sukey



Pisces (Feb. 18-Mar. 20)

Travel seems like it may be a good thing to invest in this coming week. You need to get away and the offerings on campus are not as fulfilling as you once hoped they would. Don't worry though, you'll feel better in the end.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

New friendships seem to be around the corner. You have been a social butterfly recently. Perhaps it is due to your personal disclosures that make the people around you enjoy your company more than usual or it's just the pheromones.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May. 19)

Fighting will only get you so far, but sometimes you are right. Don't back down this time. They need to learn when to concede sometimes too. Try to be more tactful and offer up a suggestion or two.

Gemini (May 20-June 20)

Focus on yourself this week and not on the others around you. What they do should not be of real consequence to you. You are going through something that needs to be dealt with pronto and your friends can't help you.

Cancer (June 21-July 21)

That lack of concentration you have been facing will not pester you for much longer. It had its purpose and now its time to get to business. Don't be afraid to relax, but you'll be able to continue your work simultaneously.

Leo (July 22-Aug. 22)

If you are in a tight relationship, or have just gotten into one, beware of the jealousies you or your partner may be feeling. You can't ignore these emotions unless you wish your fling to end sooner.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 21)

You have the urge to spend more than you have. Keep an eye on your wallet and checking account. If you don't think you have enough, do not pull out that credit card. You'll have difficulties paying off whatever it is you buy.

Libra (Sept. 22- Oct. 22)

Your social environment seems to be flourishing and as a result you tend to forget where your real priorities lie. By no means is hanging with your pals a bad thing, it's just the fact that you are spending more time with them than you should.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You have the skills this week to pull off that coup you have been trying to stage, but your enlisted buddies can't seem to get themselves together. Perhaps they have had too much alcohol that has dumbed them.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 20)

Relax as much as you can and don't worry about all the work you have to do. It will get done in its own time. Spend some time in the fresh air and if necessary take the work with you, though it may freeze if you are out too long.

Capricorn (Dec. 21-Jan. 19)

You are far too willing to trust the people around you, but let us just take a moment to think of how long you have known them. Are they really who they say they are? Are their intentions as pure as they claim them to be?

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 17)

Social, touchy, feely: all are words that seem to describe your incredible amount of activity with the people around you. Just think about who it is you are trying to attract with this behavior.

Overheard

If you've heard anything scandalous at the cafeteria, anything outrageous enough that you can't keep it to yourself, then look no further! Submit your anonymous comments to dmm6040@saintjoe.edu today to let your peers' voices be heard!

She is porn, especially with a screw.

I'm going to explain this all to you later. I'm going to tie you down.

You are a cracker jack.

Swallow. Swallow. It's okay to spit it out too.

I'm a shark that's gonna eat you.

Sober boy: How many drunk chicks does it take to put on a pair of shoes?

Drunk chick: What about pants?

Person 1: Why does it smell?

Person 2: Because it's the Wabash.

Her bewbies light up.

Person 1: I try to be ghetto

Person 2: You're Polish!

Completely Random Facts

Organized crime is estimated to account for 10% of the United State's national income.

Scopophobia is the fear of being looked at.

Spam stands for Shoulder Pork and Ham.

The telegraph plant in Asia has leaves that flutter constantly, even when there is no breeze.

Olympic Badminton rules say that the birdie has to have exactly fourteen feathers.

Salim (1569-1627), heir to the throne of India, had four wives when he was only eight years old.

The largest incense stick ever made was almost fifteen feet long and six inches thick.

Lazy Susans are named after Thomas Edison's daughter. He invented it to impress a gathering of industrialists and inventors.

Facts courtesy of www.angelfire.com/ca6/uselessfacts/

Nota Bene

The supreme irony of life is that hardly anyone gets out alive.

Robert Heinlein (1907-1988)

Politics is made up largely of irrelevancies.
Dalton Camp

Education is a progressive discovery of own ignorance.

William Durant (1885-1981)

The great thing about getting older is that you don't lose all the other ages you've been through.

George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950)

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Burlesque Girl Looking for a Gentleman

Her expertise is phenomenal on stage and off stage. She'll give you what you desire as long as you give her the respect she's craving. Keep a hold of your top hat if you become involved with this girl, though.

Dark Prince on the Hunt for a Bride

After all his days of wondering around this campus, tempting the hearts of the sweet, innocent maidens of Justin, he has amended his ways. No longer desiring that one night stand, he's on the look out for that princess that will tame his dark desires.

Fountain Stone Theaters

Movies for February 21
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Fool's Gold

Fri: 4:30, 6:30, 8:30 (PG-13)

Sat: 2:30, 4:30, 6:30, 8:30

Sun: 2:30, 4:30, 6:30

Mon-Thrus: 4:30, 6:30

Juno

Fri: 4:50, 6:50, 8:40 (PG-13)

Sat: 2:50, 4:50, 6:50, 8:40

Sun: 2:50, 4:50, 6:50

Mon-Thrus: 4:50, 6:50

The Bucket List

Fri: 4:40, 6:40, 8:30 (PG-13)

Sat: 2:40, 4:40, 6:40, 8:30

Sun: 2:40, 4:40, 6:40, 8:30

Mon-Thrus: 4:40, 6:40

Jumper

Fri: 5:10, 7:10, 8:50 (PG-13)

Sat: 3:10, 5:10, 7:10, 8:50

Sun: 3:10, 5:10, 7:10

Mon-Thrus: 5:10, 7:10

Spiderwick Chronicles

Fri: 5:00, 7:00, 8:50 (PG)

Sat: 3:00, 5:00, 7:00, 8:50

Sun: 3:00, 5:00, 7:00

Mon-Thrus: 5:00, 7:00

Coming Soon

Vantage Point

2/22

&

Semi-Pro

2/29

The Ritz Cinema

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www.ritzcinema.net

Mad Money

Every night at 7:00 (PG-13)

Coming Soon

Visit website at a later date

Events Around Campus

Time Warp Dance Party

- A drag party featuring the infamous song and the typical features of B rated horror and Sci-Fi flicks
- Saturday the 23 at 8 PM down at Cup 'o Joe
- Wear your best drag and be prepared to make the jump to the left and the step to the right and pelvic thrusts that will drive you insane
- Don't miss this opportunity to show off your bod in fishnets and corsets